

HOWARD COUNTY COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

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MEETING MINUTES

12/16/2020

Board Members:

X	Kelly Cimino	X	Peter Engel		Cassandra Killingsworth
X	Bill Salganik	X	James Le'Mon		Sandy Monck
X	Jacqueline Scott		Bitia Dayhoff	X	Lisa Terry
	Shelia Little	X	Mariana Izraelson	X	Karen Booth
X	Linda Zumbrun	X	Jennifer Broderick		Sheryl Neverson
	Jack Kavanaugh	X	Joe Willmott	X	Kelly McLachlan
X	Stan Levi		Roe Bonaccorsy		Kimberly Eisenreich
	Rich Pardoe		Leslie Lampieri		Chris Cromwell
X	Kelly Anderson		James Cline	X	Vanita Leatherwood

Department of Community Resource and Services (DCRS) and Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) Staff:

X	Rose Burton	X	Jennifer Corcoran		Valerie Mathis
X	Cheryl Mattis	X	Megan Godfrey Jackson	X	Sharee Campbell
X	Cara Baumgartner	X	Colleen Baumgartner		

Guests:

X	Jennifer Dunson	X	Joan Washington	X	Kelly Kesler
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AGENDA

Call to Order: 1:05 pm by Kelly Cimino

Minutes Approved: November minutes for the Full Coalition to End Homelessness and Coalition to End Homelessness Board were motioned and approved.

Agenda Item: Coordinated Entry Committee Report

Presenter Name: Linda Zumbrun

Discussion: There will not be a full system review this year because National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) completed one recently. The Board will be further analyzing the Coordinated Entry part of the system. The Coordinated Entry committee is also trying to expand their membership.

Agenda Item: News from Partner Agencies about their COVID-19 Response

Presenter Name: Kelly Cimino and Karen Booth

Discussion: Kelly Cimino of Howard County Department of Housing & Community Development gave a synopsis of how CARES grant funding has been spent to assist people with housing and eviction

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prevention that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Karen Booth of Humanim summarized the current COVID-19 shelter and efforts to move people out of shelter and into permanent housing.

Agenda Item: Cold Weather Shelter and Code Blue

Presenter Name: Mariana Izraelson

Discussion: Cold Weather Shelter began November 30th and Code Blue began November 18th.

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center has spent \$8,636 on assistance so far. People who enter the cold weather shelter program are staying in hotels, instead of moving in and out of different churches on a weekly basis. 18 adults and two children served have been served. Assistance includes: 24/7 staffing, case management, meals, and COVID testing.

Code Blue emergency shelter is activated based on temperature during the winter and the increased risk of death with colder temperatures. There have been three Code Blue events so far this year. 28 adults and two children have been served. People accessing this service are being referred to shelter when possible.

Agenda Item: Point in Time (PIT) Count Update

Presenter Name: Rose Burton

Discussion: Due to COVID-19, Howard County will not be doing a street count for the PIT this year. The By-name list will be used to count unsheltered homeless. The data quality for this list will have to be of a very high standard. Kenyn Benjamin and Sharee Campbell will be assisting with the PIT.

A motion was made to use updated methodology for this year's PIT count. Motioned by Bill Salganik and Kelly McLachlan second. No one was opposed, and the motion carried.

Agenda Item: Howard County COVID-19 Vaccination Plan

Presenter Name: Kelly Kesler

Discussion: Kelly Kesler of the Howard County Health Department gave a presentation and slideshow about the vaccination plan. Topics covered included: general information about COVID-19, MRNA vaccines, proper vaccine dose scheduling, immunizations cards, Howard County's phased distribution of vaccines, outreach activities for underserved populations, and partnerships opportunities between the Health Department and Coalition members. Board members were enthusiastic about meeting with the Health Department to discuss ways to work together.

Agenda Item: Committee Signups

Presenter Name: Rose Burton

Discussion: The Board is reviewing who has signed up for committees and workgroups. Next step will be working out who the committee chairs are going to be. They encouraged non-board members to join committees. The chair of a committee does have to be on the Board. Reminded board members that they should join at least one committee and gave signup information.

Meeting Conclusion Time: Meeting closed at 2:42

Next Meeting: January 27, 2021 1:00 pm via WebEx